

Appl. No.: 09/903,242
Response dated January 17, 2006
Reply to Final Office Action of January 5, 2006

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims and Drawings

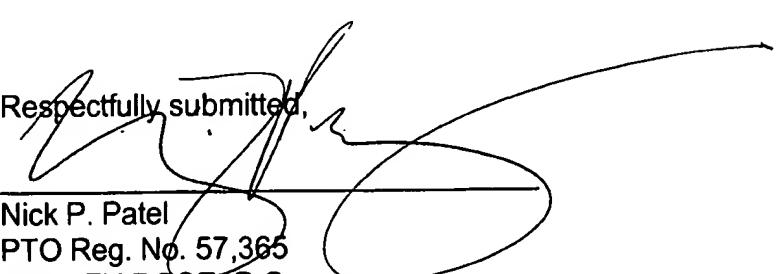
Applicants received the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2006 in which the Examiner allowed claims 6-14, rejected claims 1-4 as unpatentable over Hori (U.S. Patent No. 5,594,455) and rejected claim 5 as unpatentable over Hori in view of Plasson (U.S. Patent No. 6,795,688). The Examiner further objected to the drawings because the specification references numeral "101" which is not found in the drawings.

II. Amendments to the Claims and Drawings

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 6-14. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections, with this Response, Applicants comply with the Examiner's requests by canceling claims 1-5 and amending Figure 1 to include reference numeral "101." Based on these amendments, Applicants believe this case to be in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose Deposit Account Number 03-2769 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

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